

# COUNTY OF MERCER Workforce Investment Board

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# WIB Oversight Committee Meeting July 17, 2014 9:00 AM One Stop Career Center, 26 Yard Avenue, Trenton, NJ

Attendees: Al Edenzon, Virgen Velez, Joyce Yon, Keith Secrest, Beverly Mills

The meeting was opened by Keith Secrest, Committee Chair, with review of minutes from April 8, 2014 which were approved – motion made by Al Edenzon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith.

#### **Budget/Vendor Performance:**

Virgen began by mentioning that letters have gone out to all providers (not just under performing vendors). The letters pointed out it was the job of the WIB to review how vendors are performing and how they must meet 60% training related performance measures in order to continue to receive funding. The letter also included information on vendor performance for the past three years as well as a list of people served, how many completed training, how many entered employment, and average wage. The One Stop has not received any feedback so far from yendors.

Virgen met separately with the Mercer County Technical School and will speak with them further about the One Stop getting more involved in job development. Virgen is in the process of setting up a meeting with Mercer County Community College and will also discuss career placement.

### Common Measures Performance – PY 12 & PY 13 Targets:

The One Stop met or exceeded all Adult and Dislocated Worker Common Measures Performance for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 (PY 13). This means the One Stop either met or exceeded a minimum of 80% of the plan set forth by the federal government (for entering employment, job retention and average earnings).

### **Training Vendor Performance PY 2013 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14):**

Virgen reported there are less people going into training. More responsibility is being placed on customers to do their "homework" prior to going into training so they will be better prepared.

#### PY 13 Budget &Expenditures (7/1/13 – 6/30/14):

The committee reviewed expenditures and any balances that will be carried over into next year. TANF and Work First allocations cannot be carried over.

Virgen mentioned as of this date the One Stop has no information on the Learning Link allocation from the State. The One Stop may also have to hire a part time math instructor but cannot do so until they have this information.

For the October WIB meeting Virgen will have a PY 14 preliminary budget so it can be voted and adopted.

## **Amazon Job Recruitment:**

The One Stop has taken a lead role in the recruitment process for the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Robbinsville. The One Stop has also been instrumental in getting the word out and has held information sessions. There were 8 hiring events in June and 2 in July; many received "tips" on getting through the application process. At this time there was no definite information on how many referred from the One Stop have been hired. The Mercer One Stop also worked with the Burlington and Middlesex One Stops on this process.

Meeting was adjourned.